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# Feature Philatelic Literature

### Facts and Figures on Atoms of Peace

Following the first day sale of the Atoms for Peace stamps the following figures have been released by the Post Office for the first time. The first day sale on July 3, 1955 at Washington, D. C. showd the First Day Covers cancelled to be 351,940 and stamps sold: Washington, D. C. 436,299 and the Philatelic Agency: 579,836. Totally 1,016,135 stamps were sold on this first day. The total value of stamps sold was \$30,484.05.

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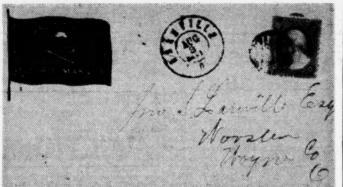
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L. N. and M. Williams

There has long been some doubt about the place of origin of stamp collecting. Some people credit Victor Wetzel, of Lille, Nothern France, with having begun a collection in May 1840, while others state that a Belgian schoolmaster, who used stamps to illustrate geography lessons, was the original collector. Dr. J. E. Gray, in the foreword to his catalogue, claims to have started collecting soon after the system of paying postage by means of stamps was introduced.

Although there is so much doubt about the original collector, there is no doubt at all about the origin of philatelic literature—the first stamp catalogue was published in France, and the first philatelic periodical in England.

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The Philatelic Library Association, established in 1942 and largest unit of the American Philatelic Society, is continuing to grow in stature in stimpulating increased interest in stamp collecting publications. The knowledge that certain reference material exists is of little value if there is no incentive to make use of it! One of the primary functions of the Association is to devote its efforts to the promotion of philatelic literature—to encourage its collection and study.

The group's official organ, the quarterly Philatelic Literature Review, has shown substantial pro-

quarterly Philatelic Literature Review, has shown substantial progress, with issues up to 40 pages since the first quarter of 1954 when a special issue of Linn's Weekly for this organization was last published. A fine selection of useful information has been provided that should prove to be helpful to all types of collectors.

The current number features a comprehensive Bibliography of Palestine/Israel Philatelic Literature, compiled by Martin J Warmbrand. A very thorough job was done, re-

complied by Martin J. Warmbrand.
A very thorough job was done, requiring more than 20 packed pages of reference listings. This bibliography is invaluable to the study of the stamps of Israel and its forerunners, certainly one of philately's most servel of fields today.

most popular fields today. Two other important specialty bilbliographies are now in preparation, and will appear yet this year.

For those who do not confine
their philatelic studies, and intend

their philatelic studies, and intend to compile an extensive reference index or clipping files, the "List of Subject Headings for Philatelic Libraries" provides the necessary guide. This compilation, by Daniel W. Yooys, covers several hundred main philatelic subjects, with appropriate cross-reference listings. Mr. Yooys, founder of the Association, has shown exceptional devomr. vooys, rounder of the associa-tion, has shown exceptional devo-tion to organized philately, and has carried the burden of work of running the group, as well as serv-

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ing as editor of the REVIEW con-tinuously since its inception.

Printings of many philatelic pub-lications, whether catalogs, hand-books or periodicals, in many cases, are of limited editions. Few are successful ventures from a finan-cial standpoint. Like so many other commodities, there seems to be little demand until the particular publication becomes out-of-print.

little demand until the particular publication becomes out-of-print. We have known of handbooks of which there seemed to be an endless supply of copies, and when interest in that particular subject has increased, the publication soon disappeared, almost overnight.

One example is the George Walcott Catalogue of Civil War Patriotics. Copies were included in job lots of philatelic literature to get rid of them; others were offered over a period of several years, at \$1.25 to \$2 a copy. All of a sudden, when the overstock disappeared copies brought \$16 and upwards at auction or by private sale. Ancopies brought \$16 and upwards at auction or by private sale. Another book "Postal Service of Confederate States of America," by August Dietz, published in 1929, remained in print for more than twenty years, and then, when no longer available, practically doubled in price.

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### Wise Collector Makes Use Of Philatelic Literature

Daniel W. Vooys

• We are living in an era during which there is great emphasis on shorter working hours, and more leisure time. There is an ever-growing number of people able, willing or otherwise, to retire from their regular livelihood. These trends pose no problem to those who have followed the wise advice, "Fortunate is the man who has a hobby, for he has two worlds in which to live." When retirement is forced, such people can rapidly adjust themselves to the radically different "way of life." In fact, they look forward to when they can devote more time to the hobbies that have heretofore merely taken the "pressure" from their regular job.

This new leisure has brought a boon to the "do it yourself" fad-sometimes a useful project, for others a means of "killing time."

others a means of "killing time."
Collecting stamps can really be classed with the other self-help hobbies as it can induce a study of geography, history, printing processes, design, and the almost unlimited field of "topicals."
While most of us do not have the opportunity for extensive travel in this interesting but rather hectic world, postage stamps can provide a "mythical trip" to faraway p l ace es. Stamp correspondence clubs are a source of contacts with other collectors all over the world. The publications of such clubs might even be considered a type of "reference literature."
The contacts can not only provide stamps for one's collection,

vide stamps for one's collection, but encourage international friend-ship and a better understanding of the peoples of the world—some-thing that is badly needed. There is one noticeable contrast

There is one noticeable contrast between stamp collecting and the numerous other "do it yourself" hobbies. If you are going to build a piece of furniture, work with clay, paint a picture, hook a rug, etc., the first step is to learn about the tools necessary and how to use them: to make or how a blue print. them; to make or buy a blueprint; to pore over the appropriate books and periodicals. It's an unknown field—and the need for proper instruction is readily apparent. It is odd that the same line or reasoning is not wormally applied to the ing is not normally applied to the hobby of stamp collecting.

At the outset, the novice fails to

realize the magnitude of the hobby to which he has been introduced. All too often the introduction is All too often the introduction is made by an acquaintance who likewise lacks the proper foundation of philatelic knowledge. Too many of these so-called advanced collectors do not look beyond the standard catalogue as a source of information (if he should be fortunate enough even to have located even that limited reference work).

Even worse off is the beginner who has simply responded to a stamp dealer's ad in some general magazine or newspaper, with a

magazine or newspaper, with a high catalog offer or an exotic dis-play of stamps, accompanied by a variety of cheap stamps on ap-

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stamps" is the total "stock in trade." The new collector simply starts to fill empty spaces in an album — robot-like — hardly giving the individual stamp more than a glance, except to note that it "fits in the space," and observes that one less stamp need be acquired. There is no plan (no blueprint!)—no incentive—no goal—except to fill as many empty spaces as possible according only to fine point.

fill as many empty spaces as possible, according only to financial limitations. There is so much more to stamp collecting, so many fascinations—so much to learn. It can provide an endless flow of experiences.

The problem of reaching the uninformed is difficult, for the readers of Linn's (which has the world's largest stamp paper circulation), have already found that there is a steady flow of literature—news, views, and serious studies,

news, views, and serious studies, as published in this paper, and but its numerous reviews of other pub-

its numerous reviews of other publications that are appearing all over the world.

The vast majority of stamp collectors (or might we best say stamp accumulators) have never seen a stamp newspaper or magazine, or known that there are catalogues listing over a hundred thousand varieties of stamps. The writer recently talked with a lady who had collected stamps for sey. writer recently talked with a lady who had collected stamps for several years without knowing that there was any real literature devoted to the subject. By chance she located a stamp paper, and found an introduction to the Philathia Vikney Association

telic Library Association.

The thought of obtaining suitable reference material intriguedher—opening an a whole room.

her—opening up a whole new concept of the hobby.

The beginner, however, does not provide the only problem collector.

For those engaged in promoting the use of philatelic literature, nothing has proved so universally perplex-ing as the advanced collector who

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### Concerning Philatelic Literature

Since this number of our paper is being devoted principally to the Philatelic Library Association and its work, it is a fitting issue in which to discuss Philatelic Literature. I can not attempt to review Philatelic Literature from what I can recollect after a period of more

than 60 years in which I have been an active Philatelist because the subject is too big. I have some ideas concerning Philatelic Literature which I want to present with the belief that if they can be adopted and used in some form that they might be of great benefit to our hobby.

Philatelic Literature is in a general way about like any other literature. Much of what is printed is of interest only for the moment. Such as news matter. New

what is printed is of interest only for the moment. Such as news matter. New studies and new discoveries make obsolete much of what has been printed in the past as specialized studies of certain stamps. The production of Philatelic Literature is on such a voluminous scale that few can attempt to gather all of it as is done by our leading societies that attempt to build a world wide library. Time was when a great many collectors made serious efforts to acquire a library by adding to it

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a great many collectors made serious efforts to acquire a library by adding to it every piece of literature on our hobby that they could find. My own collection early in this century was quite a large one but in this modern age I accumulate almost as much literature in a year's time as I could gather in ten years in the earlier days. Thus it has become impractical to attempt to build up a library of everything that is available.

The question then arises, what should a Philatelist keep for his library. That should be a very easy question to answer. Attempt to acquire literature of any kind so long as it concerns the particular group of stamps in which you are interested.

Here then is where the big problem comes, for most, or at least a great number of the collectors.

If it happens to be United States Postage the problem is not a hard one except in certain groups. The books now available on 19th Century U. S. would seem to, be about the last word that need be written on those subjects.

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However new discoveries are always being made and new students

However new discoveries are always being made and new students are always anxious to tell the story in their own way so there will of course be other books on this same subject in years to come.

There are perhaps few groups of the regular U. S. Postage issues that are not pretty well covered but there are still many fields in which there is room for study and research and then the production of a book or phamplet telling the story.

Also, there are new finds and discoveries being made at frequent intervals and these are usually explained in articles in magnetic of the story.

intervals and these are usually exploited in articles in magazines. Thus the real collector must keep in touch and that means subscribing to several of the stamp publications of today in order to keep abreast of these new finds.

these new finds.

It is at this point that I am of the opinion that there could be a great improvement made in the method of distribution and production of philatelic literature. We all admit that so long as an article is about United States stamps it is apt to be eagerly read by a great number of collectors. But how about the hundreds of other countries.

Without any intention to discredit the Collector Club Philatelist I am going to refer to its July 1955 issue to bring out the point that I want to make as regards the production of Philatelic Literature.

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want to make as regards the production of Philatelic Literature.

In this number there are two articles which stand out over and above the remainder of the contents. Philatelic Iconography, by Eugene Connett III and Venezuela, by C. W. Wickersham. This latter article concerns the first small square stamps of the issue of 1866-68.

The latter article is a very highly specialized study of the six stamps comprising the issue. Were it on a set of six early U. S. stamps it would have been of interest to thousands of collectors and would have been a very fitting article for publication in most any stamp journal. As such an article it would have left the Philatelic Iconography article far back in the shade, but being on Venezuela as it is, I feel confident that many more people found the first article of real interest while they skipped the last one completely.

How many members of the Collectors Club are there who would be interested in this early Venezuelan issue. Perhaps few, thus the use of 24 pages plus the cost of illustrations would seem like a very foolhardy bit of publishing.

bit of publishing.

There is however a way that such articles can be produced for the use of those who are interested in such stamps. I have in mind many other similar articles which have filled many pages of philatelic publications and which I doubt were read by very many of the subscribers. Do you remember the philatelic publication that was launched in St. Louis about eight or ten years ago and which was edited by Mr. Dave Lidman.

Dave Lidman.

Both Dave and the backer of this publication may not yet know

why it did not go over. It was the best printed and best looking publication of the period, yet it failed principally because of lack of reader interest. reader interest.

The type of material printed in its pages did not appeal to enough readers to make them want to renew after once subscribing. As an example, we well remember a full two page illustration of the watermark in a Sardinian Letter Sheet. Who, out of a matter of five or six thousand collectors from any part of the United States cares anything about seeing a watermark in a Sardinian Letter sheet. Who, among this same group of collectors ever saw a Sardinian Letter Sheet. The space for this article was wasted entirely. Other similar articles at the same time were as far away from matters of interest to the average collector and that is the main reason the publication failed.

Collector and that is the main reason the publication failed.

I attribute the success of our own publication solely to the editorial policy we have pursued. An attempt to print the type of matter that is of interest to the greaest number of readers. If I am giving away a secret, let me hope that it will be for the good of a greater number of collectors.

Now the solution for such articles as the Venezuela article in the

Now the solution for such articles as the Venezuela article in the July 1955 issue of the Collectors Club Philatelist.

Let all publishers of this type of material adopt the plan of using an 8½x11 page on which to print such articles. This page roughly will carry two columns of reading, three inches or 18 picas wide. This allows an inch margin at top and bottom and at right with one and a quarter inches at the left edge where holes should be punched to fit the standard three ring binder.

Print any and all such articles that are of interest to a very limited few on such pages. Print on both sides to save purpor space and bulk.

few on such pages. Print on both sides to save paper, space and bulk. Also this same type of production could be used for hundreds of articles that are in big demand among collectors such as U. S. Specialist in any field. The Bureau Issues Association prints many short articles

that could go on one or two such pages and would be welcomed by the collector because he could keep them without having to keep the whole publication which might be matter of such type that it was not desired for future reference.

A great many philatelic publications print articles which could be produced on such pages and sold at a nominal price. Perhaps from 5c to 10c per page and which collectors who are interested would be glad to buy because they could have just what they want and not a bale of old samp papers through which they had to hunt in case they wanted to refer to some particular article.

Once a number of such articles were assembled in a ring binder the owner could make his own index of that particular volume and would thus eventually accumulate a library that was well worth while. In order that this matter and this method of producing worthwhile literature, that can be kept, might be done in the right manner we would suggest that all publishers adopt the same standard size page and layout so that any such pages from any publisher would fit in with similar pages from any other publisher. I would also suggest that all publishers cooperate with all other publishers in that each would handle and offer for sale pages that any publisher might produce and thus make all such material available to the greatest number of collectors.

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I hope this brief outline of what I suggest is understandable and I do believe that it is a plan that is worthy of the most serious consideration. I shall be happy to have comments from other publishers and from collectors as to what they may think of the idea.

Now a word for the Philatelic Library Association. We have many inquiries from collectors as to where they can get literature on some certain subject. For the time being we feel that we can best advise such collectors that they should join this association. The cost is only \$1.00 per year which includes your membership and copies of the Philatelic Literature Review for the year.

When literature on any particular subject is wanted, they are perhaps in a better position than most others to advise you if any such literature is available. Address Daniel W. Vooys, Editor, P. O. Box 300, Canajoharie, New York.

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"Well, too bad Breckenridge. See at eight in the morning when the time lock goes off!"

### German Review Has Valuable Information

Numbers 14 and 15 of the German Philatelic Review are now being published. In the contents are a lavishly illustrated article on the German mails in the Ukraine 1941-42, heavily documented, and which for the first time clears up the philatelic questions of that territory! The districts dealt with are Sarny, Alexanderstadt, and Wos-

A contribution by Cyril Kidd sup-A contribution by Cyril Kidd sup-plements a previous article on the Verviers-Cologne railway mark-ings. Lovers of old German States issues will find a specialized study on the lithographed issues of Olden-burg by K. K. Doberer, while P. J.

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Seems as though there are several things connected with first day cover servicing at the various first day of issue post offices which cover collectors don't understand. One of them is the matter of getting the plate number blocks on their envelopes.

their envelopes.
When buying the 3c commems
the Post Office Department rules
state that you must obtain an entire pane of fifty to be entitled to
the plate block. We know that
isn't always so, for many times
through cooperative and thoughtful
clocks we need buy but the four

clerks we need buy but the four stamps with the number attached. I have a letter from a lady who thinks she should be entitled to two plate blocks on her FDC's inas-much as she mails sufficient covers to take 100 stamps or more. Says some times she gets them, some times not, and now and again plate blocks where only plain ones were asked for and expected. Can't there be some standard set-up on this, she wants to know?

up on this, she wants to know?

For from two to three weeks ahead of time the first day city postmaster has a crew of maybe fifty or more, mostly girls and women, putting stamps on the covers sent there by collectors. These employees are hardly ever stamp collectors and so do not have the sympathies and feelings of such—but they are conscientious for the but they are conscientious for the most part and attempt to follow the directions and information sup-

the directions and information supplied them by the postal officials. There is a crew which opens the incoming mail, counts the money, and tries to see that the covers are properly sorted and marked to get the single, pair, block or plate block as requested. Depending on what their instructions have been, they might not keep the plate block requests separated from the plain block ones.

In some places they are meticulous about seeing that everyone

lous about seeing that everyone gets what is coming to him. In others they seemingly have neither the time nor personnel to do so.

the time nor personnel to do so.

In some offices on the first days the plate blocks are let out a few to a person. In others, you couldn't buy them at double face. So you see, it all depends on the place of issue how you fare with your wants. The only way you can guarantee to get them is to use a dealer's services.

Of course you can always go to

Of course you can always go to the first day city — or persuade a friend there to help you!

1. What General is shown evacuating the army on the "Battle of Brooklyn" commem?

2. A view of Westport Landing as seen in 1850 can be viewed on

what commem?

I suppose most of you have noted the deeper blue used for recent commems. It really makes the designs stand out and is a marked improvement over that washed out variety I used to gnash by teeth at every time the POD assigned it to a design. I think PMG Summerfield and his staff came to the same con-

clusion — they deserve a bouquet of orchids for the change. Besides bringing better looking blue stamps, I now have no reason

to gnash my teeth, and they are growing back out and becoming serviceable again thank you.

The Atom For Peace (a goodlooker), Soo Locks and Rotary all have the darker shade of blue.

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Another is "Our Capitol" which has a detailed history of the build-ing. Tells about the murals, paint-ings, busts and furnishings. Also described and sometimes pictured

described and sometimes pictured are others of the buildings in Washington of historical importance. There are 57 pages, illustrated. Catalog No. 84/1:S.Doc 13. Selling price is 35c.

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Dr. Charles J. Reilly of Eustis, Fla., as might be expected, is a collector of Medical Topics on Stamps. However, he takes the idea a step further than most for he also gathers precancels having town names with a tie-in to the theme. These are—

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There are many other towns listed in the postal directory which have names of a medical nature and which could be obtained on postal cards or stamped envelopes. However, these are the only ones with precancels according to Dr.

In case you have written to me in the past couple weeks and have gotten no reply to your mail there is a good excuse. I've been away vacationing. I'll be gone for a few days yet and then will take care of whatever reposes in the mail

The American Magazine seems to have made a fair sized boner according to Roland H. Imse, Jr. of St. Petersburg, Fla. The item in question stated:

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postage."
It is the profit matter I question. Considering a 3c commem for a one million profit collectors and dealers would have to withhold 33,333,333 stamps from circulation in their albums. For a three million profit they would have to retain 100,000,000.

Since total issues years from 50

have to retain 100,000,000.

Since total issues vary from 50,000,000 to around 110 million it
can easily be seen that the statement is highly optimistic.

It has been reliably estimated
that at the most but three million of the stamps are ever kept
in albums in place of on a letter.

And that's an awful lot of stamps And that's an awful lot of stamps.
A clear \$90,000 profit to the
Department from collectors per
issue would be more like it.

A reader of Montclair, N. J. asks about a postmark he has on a piece of mail of last year in which all the reading in it is right side up except the year "1954" and that is inverted. He wants to know if this is com-

mon.
It isn't a rarity or scarce thing by any means, and I doubt whether it has any value above two

cents.

Such postmarking dies are constructed so that the date is changed each day by the removal of the required letters and numbers and the insertion of the correct ones. The year slug isn't removed often except perhaps except for cleaning and on its replacement in the die, as can happen with the other figures, it is possible to be inserted upside down. The slug denotin the hour of cancellation is changed several times a day.

With all those small pieces having to be handled and not too

ing to be handled and not too much attention being paid by the clerk, an error as described above can happen.

George Washington. The Kansas City, Mo. eentenary issue.

Costa Rica noted the 75th anniversary of the UPU with stamps.

# United Kingdom Comment George Saint

King George V stamp modelled in

I was always under the impression that the first artist to make use of a clay model on which to base his stamp design, was a Dutchman by the name of S. L. Hartz, who made a plaster-of-paris portrait of Queen Wilhelmina which he photographed and used as portrait of Queen withelmina which he photographed and used as a basis for the Netherlands definitive set of 1947. Thus I was very surprised (and rather pleased) to note that in this he had been forestalled by Bertram Mackennal, the artist responsible for the design of the definitives of the reign of King George V.

The One Penny stamp of 1912

The One Penny stamp of 1912 was based on photographs of a large plaque reproducing the design in high relief, subsequently en-graved "an epargne" by John Au-gustus Harrison, the artist and engraver who recently died at the age of 83.

age of 83.

It is curious that the British do not honor their artists until they are dead, and Harrison is no exception. Perhaps the banknote printers (in this case, Waterlow's) are beset by a mania for security, perhaps they were afraid of a competitor wooing their employees; whatever the reason, no one had heard of Harrison outside the narrow circle of professional engravers and collectors of bookplates (a field in which he was famous) befield in which he was famous) be-fore his decease at a ripe old age.

He was, of course, a very good engraver and did the portraits and vignettes on many Colonial stamps. His work was very much in the banknote tradition adopted by the majority of British craftsmen steelplate, but his heraldic Ex Libris are justly famous.

"Gibbons' Stamp Monthly" is running an article on his work in the July issue, and I feel I should not leave unmentioned the remarkable change which has come over the firm since the death of their late chairman, Stanley Phillips. late chairman, Stanley Phillips. Under the new management, they have had a chance of making good the arrears of "progress" if that be the right word, which his con-

Stanley Phillips was a great philatelist and able writer; he conducted the affairs of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons with decorum and good sense. But he appeared in many respects to be an "Eminent Vic-torian."

My impression has always been My impression has always been that he was loth to change the policy and physical appearance of the firm from the days when he had first known it. Suddenly, with in the last year, the firm has launched out into new lines, their house organ has run stories which house organ has run stories which appear to be more interesting than those they printed before, their windows are dressed more in accordance with contemporary taste, and even their albums are furnished with contemporary, bright, jackets and cases.

There has undoubtedly been a

great blowing away of ancient dust. And I have heard say that another management would never have allowed a competing stamp dealer to open an ultra-modern emporium just next door (literally) to the famed address of Messrs. Gibbons.

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### A Look At Early Philatelic Auction Sales

George T. Turner

The custom of auctions has prevailed a long time, Babylonian maidens were disposed of in marriage by delivering them to the highest bidder at an annual assembly held for the purpose. It was also used by the Romans in both public and private transactions. Coins, curios, books, objects of art and most other property had been sold thru the medium of auctioning for a long time prior to the offering of postage stamps. The Encyclopedia Britannica gives the following description: "An auction is a proceeding at which people are invited to compete for the purchase of property by successive offers of advancing sums."

Here is what the American Journal of Philately (III #29, May 1870, p64) commented about the first stamp auction, "...an language and the first stamp auction and the

Journal of Philately (III #29, May 1870, p64) commented about the first stamp auction, "... an event that will mark an era in stamp collecting." The world's first auction sale of stamps took place on "a drizzling rainy" Saturday, the 28th of May (1870, at six o'clock| It was held in the Clinton Hall Book Sale Rooms & Art Galleries of Leavitt, Strebeigh & Co. on Astor Place in the city of New York. The catalogue was compiled by none other than J. W. Scott, who has been known as "the Father of American Philately". As some of you may not know, he was also a book printer and ran a printing shop at 34 Liberty St., and several of his early catalogues bear his printer's imprint on their colored paper wrappers. This first sale was the collection of a (small) European dealer and consisted of a rather miscellaneous lot of foreign stamps.

The copy in the writer's hands of this initial, eventful sale has the prices realized and the buyers all noted. There were 270 lots in the sale and the total realized was just over \$477. It is a small 12-page pamphlet measuring about 8¼" x 5 " and has a brown wrapper with gold lettering.

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Several interesting reports on this sale are to be found in the philatelic press of that day. The reporter for the Amer. Jour. Phy. (III #30, June, 1870, p. 65) gives an excellent description of those present and some of the facts concerning the sale. Another is found in Mason's Coin & Stamp Collectors' Magazine (IV #6 June, p. 93 and on thru #12) which with each issue reprinted portions of the listings with the prices attained for each lot.

Brief notice was given the sale in the Stamp Collector's Magazine (Bath) (VIII July, 1870, p. 99) and a more extended report in the Philatelist (Brighton) (IV July, 1870, p. 81) A further note, in the latter, (Oct. 1870, p. 126) comments in part: "Stamp auctions seem to have taken root in the United States, and are evidently becoming quite an institution." They had just received Mason's and Scott's 2nd. "Both catalogues mention many fine varieties of the United States essays and proofs, but unfortunately characterized by an utter vagueness of description. The sales do not commence until evening; we think this is a great mistake, as gas-light is bad to judge colors think this is a great mistake, as gas-light is bad to judge colors by." We perhaps forget this fact, and wonder at the early color descriptions in some listing and

Perhaps we should give up our modern lighting and go back to the illumination of the time for the true evaluation of our

for the true evaluation of our colors!

The second sale of stamps to be held was on September 8. The catalog was compiled by Mason & Co. of Philadelphia. It was conducted in New York, again at Leavitt, Strebeigh & Co.'s Clinton Hall. This sale "was not a marked success, either in point of attendance or pecuniary results, it having met with unlooked for opposition by envious, not to say jealous, rivals in the same line of business", as is quoted from the report in Mason's Coin & Stamp Collector's Magazine (IV #10, Oct. 1870, p. 163). This is a reply to the J. W. Scott report to be found in the Amer. Jour. Phy. (III, #33, Sept. p. 107). For the complete list of sales held during the first decade of stamp auctions see the accompanying tabulation.

PHILATELIC AUCTION

11; 96 lots, 6/ (2)p. (held in London) M. Clausius collection\*
1876—J. W. Scott & Co. (10th)
Dec. 11; 319 lots, 21p. (issued as suppl. A.J.P. X #131 Nov.)
1877—J. W. Scott & Co. (13th)
Dec. 20; 355 lots, 12p. (issued as suppl. A.J.P. XI #143 Nov.)
1878—C. H. Bechtel (1st) Sept. 30; 481 stamps lots of 500, 18p.; (2nd) Dec. 9; 370 lots, 16p. J. N. T. Levick collection)
W. P. Brown (1st) June 25; 494 lots, 16p. E. B. Sterling collection.
Keystone Coin & Stamp Emporium (Phila.) (1st) Apr. 2; 305 lots, 16p. (Tagget collection)\*
J. W. Scott & Co. (15th) Mar. 11; 382 lots, 16p. Chas. L. Puller

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J. W. Scott & Co. (15th) Mar.
11; 382 lots, 16p. Chas. L. Pullen collection (issued as suppl.
A.J.P. XII #146, Feb.); (16th)
May 20; 377 lots, 14p. A. R.
Blair collection (issued as suppl.
A.J.P. XII #148 Apr.); (19th)
Oct. 21; 342 lots, 12p. (issued as suppl. A.J.P. XII #153 Sept.).
1879—J. W. Scott & Co. (20th)
Jan. 27; 465 lots, 16p. C. S.
Withington collection (issued as suppl. A.J.P. XII #156, Dec.);
(21st) Feb. 17; 438 lots, 16p. T.
Williams collection (issued as suppl. A.J.P. XII #156 Dec.);
(24th) Aug. 11-13; 1074 lots,
34p. John Rice collection (contains illustrations)\*. (26th) Sept.
15; 506 lots, 20p.
F. Trifet (Boston) (1st) Mar.
17-19; 1106 lots, 28p. F. E. Hunter collection.
W. Elliot Woodward (Roxbury.

17-19; 1106 lots, 28p. F. E. Hunt-er collection. W. Elliot Woodward (Roxbury, Mass.) (21st). Mar 31-Apr. 2. (previously had held only coin

Notes—The J. W. Scott sales which are not listed above were sales of coins.

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All sales were conducted in New York, except the Scott 5th and 9th and the Stevens sale which were in London, even though the dealer was located outside New York as indicated. The Scott 7th sale date was altered from "November 18th" to "13th". Because of its bulk "this sale occupied four nights," per A.J.P. XII #153 Sept. 1878, p.100. The Scott 9th sale (his 2nd. London sale) appears not to have taken place; quoting from page 100 A.J.P. XII #153, Sept. 1878: '... although another collection of stamps was catalogued for sale in England, the sale never came off."

off."
The A.J.P. XII p.40 Apr. 1878 indicates this is the Taggett collection and that the sale was catalogued by Mr. (A. C.) Kline, who was the first to publish a catalog in the United States, 1862.
The illustrations indicated for the J. W. Scott 24th sale, are merely line cuts of the stamps and not actual illustrations of the stamps as offered, this came later.

Another fact to be recognized is that J. W. Scott spent about a year in England, during 1872-73, where he established a "shop", in London, he also held an auction, his fifth, which was the first to be held in England. Thus, the same man innecessed starms whether the same man innecessed starms are the same man innecessed starms are the same man innecessed starms. pioneered stamp auctions on both sides of the Atlantic, The sale was held on March 18,

The sale was held on March 18, 1872 and was conducted by Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge, a London firm. Therefore, "after introducing this system in the United States, Mr. Scott took his private collection to England, and there selected out sufficient to make a one day's sale ..." (Amer. Jour. Phy. XII, # 153 Sept. 1878, p. 100.). British comment was not all together favorable, yet it was recorded. A lengthy account is found in the Philatelical Journal (I April 15, 1872, p.61/63). The greatest objection was to the bidding of Mr. Scott himself. "...had the proprietor refrained from bidding for

held during the first decade of stamp auctions see the accompanying tabulation.

PHILATELIC AUCTION SALES OF THE 1870's

1870—J. W. Scott & Co. (first) May 28; 270 lots, 12p.; 2nd. Oct. 3; 291 lots, 16p. C. J. Lippman collection; 3rd. Dec. 19; 599 lots, 20p. (Geo. Hencken collection.) Mason & Co. (Philadelphia (1st) Sept. 8; 464 lots, 16p. 1871—J. W. Scott & Co. (4th) Oct. 9; 299 lots 8p. (issued as suppl. A.J.P. IV #45, Sept.) 1872—Bangs, Merwin & Co. (1st) Jan. 3l. (contained only few lots of stamps)
Ben. Haines (1st) Apr. 11-12. (a few lots of stamps)
Ben. Haines (1st) Apr. 11-12. (a few lots of stamps)
J. W. Scott & Co. (5th) Mar. 18; 275 lots, 12p. (held in London)\*; (6th) Sept. 3; 413 lots, 56p. Schoen collection\*. (8th) Nov. 18; 405 lots, 16p. Lomler collection.

1873—J. C. Stevens (London) #3920, Feb. 7; (only partly philatelic)
J. W. Scott & Co. (9th) Aug. jection was to the bidding of Mr. Scott himself. "... had the proprietor refrained from bidding for his own property, (which, it struck us, was not a right proceeding), many things would have realized more; but of course amateurs would only bid, under such circumstances, for what they really wanted. This led to a feeling of distrust very early in the sale, and few ventured to bid on for any lot, C46 when it was seen that the owner C54 was in opposition to them, for the C55

that the auctioneer's reading of the observation, frequently downright laughter."

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It is surprising that it took fourand-a-half hours to sell the 275 lots;
such is exceedingly slow when
compared with some of todays
rapidly conducted auctioneering.
Another article is to be found in the
Stamp Collector's Magazine (Bath)
vol. X 1872, p49. which comments
similarly and to which Mr. Scott
replied in a letter on page 128 of
the same reference. the same reference.

An additional note about this sale An additional note about this sale is that an eight-page reprint of the catalog was issued with the prices realized added, in type set form. From notes in the Earl of Crawford's Library Catalogue, reference is made to there being three variations of the reprint.

variations of the reprint.

One is without price and two with "PRICE 1s" appearing in the upper left corner; the latter existing on both thick and thin paper. Of the copies examined by the writer, he has been unable to distinguish for certain this difference in papers. This is the first instance of a reprinted priced catalog, which at a later period became somewhat the fashion of certain auction houses. auction houses.

Certain particular factors should

be pointed out and kept in mind by any philatelist when he refers to these early sale catalogs. Especi-ally to be noted is the manner in ally to be noted is the manner in which the prices realized are recorded or stated. We quote from the general "conditions of sale" as set forth in most of the Prefaces in these pioneer catalogs. "Each lot will be knocked down to the highest; the lots are sold so much for each stamp in it, so if you desire a lot of stamps which contains ten, and you wish to pay \$1.00 for it, your bid should be 10 cents, which would be a \$1.00 for the lot." The bidding was therefore by the

The bidding was therefore by the piece where lots contained more than a single variety. It is necessary to examine the recorded prices carefully for sometimes priced catalogs show the realization as the lot price and in others the unit or piece price may appear. Interor piece price may appear. Interesting, but it can be difficult, by comparison with today's procedure. One must be wary when quoting early realizations and be watchful when tracking down early price data.

Peculiarity number two, is that one must realize the distinction between cataloguer and conductor of the sale. In practice, one refers to sales held, by the cataloguer, or who has "written up" the sale as we term it today. The sale was then conducted by a firm of li-censed auctioneers. To illustrate: Mason & Co.'s first sale was cata-logued by them and the sale con-ducted by Leavitt, Strebeigh & Co.; the same firm which conducted J. W. Scott's first three sales. During the period shown in the tabulation the other Scott sales were handled tween cataloguer and conductor of the other Scott sales were handled by George A. Leavitt & Co., ex-cept the sales held in London.

Therefore, it is apparent that our pioneer stamp dealers were not licensed to conduct sales. Somewhat the same condition prevails today, in that a firm must avail itself of a licensed auctioneer, and now we also have stamp auction-

As early as the 1870's it is obvious that New York City had become the stamp center, as all the sales listed in the table for this period were held in said city. (Except the London ones, of course). The Boston and Philadelphia dealers brought their material to New York for disposal.

All but four of these listed sale catalogs have been examined by the writer, from copies in his private library. It is noteworthy that the "Father of American Philately", Mr. Scott, held 17 out of the As early as the 1870's it is ob-

the "Father of American Philately", Mr. Scott, held 17 out of the 26 sales in this beginning period (excluding the unheld London sale #9 from the count).
One statement by Mr. Scott is

quite exciting, quoting from Amer. Jour. Phy. X, #131, Nov. 1876, page 175; "An intimate knowledge (continued on page 10)

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### Robert E. Lee Center Of New Civil War

The Roanoke Times in their issue of August 13 states a new battle-line is drawn for Robert E. Lee. He is the center of a controversy over which city should have the honor of the First Day proceedings for the new 30-cent stamp on Sept. 21. We quote the article as reported by Associated Press in Roanoke Times.

new 30-cent stamp on Sept. 21. We Associated Press in Roanoke Times "Alexandria, Aug. 12 (AP)—Alexandrians dug in along historically prepared positions today and got ready to fight to the last city councilman for the right to share with Norfolk the first-day issuance of the Gen. Robert E. Lee stamp. "Councilman Frank E. Mann, a descendant of the famed Confederate commander in chief, made it perfectly plain he wasn't accepting for a moment the department's claim it would be "a burden" to issue the memorial stamp simultaneously at the two cities Sept. 21. "RANK FOOLISHNESS!" said Mann, and promptly made himself available for a little free service to the Post Office Dept., if necessary.

to the Post Office Dept., if necessary.

"Why," said Mann, "if it's a burden to distribute the 30-cent stamp at two cities, I'll go to Norfolk or Washington and get them and bring them here myself."

"But even as Mann spoke, the battle spread to a new front with Rep. Burr P. Harrison (D-Va.) urging that the stamp be first issued at Lexington, Va.

"Alexandria thinks it's entitled to the first-day issue because it was Lee's home town. Harrison took a stand for Lexington because it's there Lee served as president of Washington-Lee University and was buried.

was buried.
"Norfolk hasn't claimed intimate connections with Lee's life but was ownrettons with Dees and the Was awarded the first-day issue because (1) the American Philatelic Society is holding its convention there Sept. 21 and (2) it was the only city to speak up when the Post Office Department announced plans for a Lee stamp.

"Harrison, a newcomer to the argument that started yesterday when Alexandria City Manager R. F. Willard wrote Washington in protest, penned a letter of his own today to Postmaster General Summerfield. today to merfield.

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"The Post Office Department Tooked to the right state, but it has ignored the Virginia community most intimately linked with the life of Gen. Lee—Lexington,' the congressman said.

"And, he added in his letter, While the interest of philatelists (stamp collectors) in having a 'first day' in conjunction with a conven-

day in conjunction with a conven-tion can be appreciated, I do not believe they would regard it as a

controlling consideration.

"It is not too late for the department to adjust its plans and

partment to adjust its plans and schedule appropriate ceremonies at Gen. Lee's town—Lexington, Va."

"In Alexandria, other city councilmen joined Mann in claiming it would be a 'slur on the city' for the first-day issuance to be held only at Norfolk, convention or no convention. And the city's bid for a joint role with Norfolk gained the support of the chamber of commerce, the junior chamber, the Sons of the American Revolution and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

"There was no immediate comment from the Alexandrians on

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his protest to Summerfield earlier his protest to Summerfield earlier this week the city manager had suggested that issuance of the stamp at Alexandria, Stratford, where the Lee Mansion is located,

or even Lexington would be preferable to its issuance at Norfolk. "At Norfolk, meantime, folks appeared calmly confident the tempest would blow over.

"Jesse G. Johnson, chairman of the convention of stamp collectors, said as far as he was concerned 'at least 100 places are disappointed every time a stamp is issued in another community' and shrugged off the whole thing.

"Norfolk, he pointed out, 'is the largest city in Virginia and Lee is an outstanding Virginian. The governor of Virginia has been in-

governor of Virginia has been invited to represent the state at the first day of issuance.'

"Furthermore, he joined Assistant Postmaster General Albert Robertson in explaining that the Lee issue was announced last June 6 and nobody but Norfolk had asked for it.

"Robertson had said last night it would be 'a burden' for the Post Office Department to arrange simultaneous first-day issues at Norfolk and Alexandria.

"Alexandria City Manager Willard's letter to Summerfield, which precipitated the argument, said:
"From the chronology of Gen.

Lee's life, the city of Norfolk does not seem to hold any significance. His place in the wholesale stamp business management will fall upon dria that primary consideration. Mrs. Dorothy Thoolen. Mrs. Thoolean will fall upon the company of the control of the con should have been given to this

(Ed. Note: Now that the John Marshall stamp has been given to Richmond, Virginia, for first day Richmond, Virginia, for first day proceedings, wonder how many other Virginian cities will get into the battle for this one. Norfolk might go after this one too as Marshall was in his first fight of the Revolution at Norfolk. Of course, Philadelphia could get into this fight too as Marshall died in Philadelphia.)

## Dealer \* Doings

Helmut Stuempel, 83-35 116th St. Kew Gardens 18, N. Y., advises that he will handle the 1956 Zumstein Europa Catalogue. It will be available about Sept. 15th. The price of same will run \$4.50. When writing please mention Linn's for records. prompt service.

Matthew Bennett, 2995 Cortland, Detroit 6, Michigan announces that he is preparing his 7th Mail Sale which will appear in Linn's Sept. 19th. It will consist of U. S., British Colonies and General Foreign. This will be his first auction of the new season. His advertisements will appear weekly hereafter in Linn's.

Due to illness, Gerardo Thoolen of Buenos Aires, Argentine is re-

len is not a newcomer to the stamp world as she formerly operated The International Stamp Auctioneers, located near the Royal Palace in The Hague, Holland.

Brice Davis 276 Battery Ave., Brooklyn 9, N. Y. reports an error in his ad of August 8 and 22nd. The item was listed as 100 diff. Montenegro at \$1.00. It should have read \$2.00 as the price. Due to the typographical error some orders read \$2.00 as the price. Due to the typographical error some orders have been placed at the wrong price. Mr. Davis wishes all to know that the price was printed in error rather than a mistake of refusing to fill orders at the wrong price. Please reorder at the correct price. rect price.





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### There Are Many Sources

### Of Philatelic Information

More and more advanced collectors are concentrating on specialty stamp collections, getting away from the general collection of the world. The specialty collector soon realizes the need for reference literature devoted to his chosen field. This has contributed to the formation of scores of specialty, or study groups, devoted to a wide variety of philatelic subjects and to individual stamp issuing countries or allied groups. allied groups.

allied groups.

For example, some twenty years ago a group devoted to the study of the stamps of a single foreign country, Netherlands, was organized. This was the "Netherlands and Colonies Philatelists." The periodic "Netherlands and Colonial Philately," edited by Johannes de Kruyf, is one of the outstanding examples of devotion to one's hobby. hobby.

As in the case of many of the specialty groups, circulation of the society publication at first was quite limited, and as the memberquite limited, and as the membership grew; early issues soon became out-of-print. Mr. de Kruyf undertook the reprinting of the journal, which meant the tremendous job of cutting more than five hundred mimeograph stencils, running the pages, collating, and stapling. More than one hundred complete sets of the publication have thus been made available—and sold, giving the purchasers a wealth of reference material of this particular country and its colonies.

A second was the organization of the Society for Collectors of Switzerland, and publication of its "Helvetia Bulletin."

Many other countries have re-

"Helvetia Bulletin."
Many other countries have received the attention of philatelic students, resulting in organized effort to promote the stamps of certain countries, especially by the publication of literature, either as journals by their efforts to get the stamps of their country better catalogue listings, plus new varieties they have found or studied, and a more realistic pricing.

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One of the first organizations devoted to "type" specialties has been The Precancel Stamp Society, Inc., dating back to 1912. A monthly journal, The Precancel Forum, acts as official organ.

One of the finest stamp periodicals ever to appear is the work of the Essay-Proof Society. This outstanding "class magazine", the Essay-Proof Journal, profusely illustrated, appears quarterly, and Essay-Proof Journal, profusely illustrated, appears quarterly, and is now in its twelfth year. Sol Altmann, librarian of the Society, has provided a Ten Year Index (1944-1953) of the Essay-Proof Journal. A quick glance will indicate the fine contribution to philatelic literature this group is making.

With greater interest in topical or subject collecting, "Topical or Subject collecting, "Topical Time," bi-monthly journal of the American Topical Association, provides a wealth of information and many checklists of topics portrayed

many checklists of topics portrayed on stamps. Only those who have ever attempted to compile such a

list can appreciate the time-con-suming job such a checklist can be. The group has also published a series of handbooks on various topicals, and several units of the parent organization provide their own journals as a means of eatherown journals, as a means of gather-ing together those of similar stamp collecting interests, as well as to concentrate on preparing reference material on the stamps of their

For example, two units organized For example, two units organized just this year, the Map Stamp Unit (which publishes "The Carto-Philatelist"), and the Fine Arts unit, which promotes the collection and study of stamps depicting paintings and painters, architecture, sculpture and allied arts. A bi-monthly journal, the "Fine Arts Philatelist", edited by Mrs. Clare McAlister, who has had several articles published in Linn's. is concentrating on what may be termed the "master work"—a definitive checklist. ter work"—a definitive checklist, profusely annotated and cross-refer-enced, which will serve as the enced, which will serve as the basic reference for the fine arts as

water variety of philatene reference material that is being currently published; this flow of literature is by no means limited to publications in the United States. One of the publications in the collector in the collector in the collector. in the United States. One of the problems for the collector is to learn of the publications that are

devoted to his or her specialty.

Most of the handbooks and catalogues are reviewed in Linn's; a number of such writeups appear in virtually every issue. Of course, some are beyond the financial ability of many collectors ity of many collectors, and accent-

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Mr. Duncan, keenly interested in philatelic literature, has made a useful program possible. Only recently he compiled a bibliography of all handbooks, catalogs, and pricelists devoted to British North America. It is hoped that this can be published at an early date.

No one individual can subscribe for all the philatelic periodicals that are appearing throughout the world. The need for an index to such reference material appearing such reference material appearing is readily apparent. Three publications are now providing this very worthwhile service. Beginning with the Jan-Feb. 1950 issue of the Stamp Lover, an "Index to Current Periodicals" was undertaken. At first this covered only ten British stamp periodicals, but the Index has been expanded to include some seventy leading English language periodicals. periodicals.

periodicals.

The Stamp Lover, established in 1908, is the bi-monthly official organ of the Junior Philatelic Society, Mitre House, 44-45 Fleet St., London EC 4, England. For many years its editor was the "dean of philatelic writers," Fred J. Melville. Currently the editors are the well-known philatelic brothers, L. N. & M. Williams.

N. & M. Williams,
Literatur-Nachrichten is usually published quarterly by Stadtbibolithek Muchen, Munich Municipal Library—Philatelic Section), Marianplatz 8, Munich 2, Germany. It provides a world-wide coverage of philatelic literature, with reviews of books, catalogs and periodicals. The Jan/June 1955 combined issues Nos. 21/22 is of 109 pages, mimeographed, and the key to the index of current periodicals lists some one hundred and forty publications. Its use is limited, however, with text in the German language.
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On this side of the Atlantic, start-On this side of the Atlantic, starting with the September 1952 issue of the American Philatelist, editor David Lidman presented lists of major articles appearing in the philatelic periodicals around the world. The more conventional "Index to Current Philatelic Literature" has appeared since, first monthly and more recently on a quarterly basis. quarterly basis.

marterly basis.

The key to periodicals as published in the March 1955 issue indicated that some one hundred and eighty periodicals are being included in the index. This includes papers and magazines published in various languages — Japanese, French, German, Dutch, Spanish, Chinese, Portuguese, and Greek.

A similar feature was presented

A similar feature was presented by a previous editor, Ralph A. Kimble, from 1936 to 1940, and it is hoped that the new editor, Charles Hahn will continue this particular service when he takes over as editor with the October 1955 issue. Almost needless to mention, fea-

ture articles appearing in Linn's are included in all three indices mentioned.

The writer will endeavor to assist those interested in the various types or fields of philatelic literaportrayed on stamps.

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The stamp will be 0.75 by 0.87 of an inch in dimension, arranged vertically and surrounded with a simple picture frame effect, printed by the rotary process, electricely perforated, and issued in sheets of 100. The color of the stamp will be brown.

The central subject, a likeness of John Marshall, was reproduced from a photograph taken by Harris and Ewing of a painting by Rembrandt Peale, which hangs in a small hearing room in the Supreme Court building. The name "John Marshall," arranged in two lines, is located on the right side of the portrait just below the center. the portrait just below the center. The denomination "40c" and "U. S. Postage" are arranged in two lines and located in the lower left corner of the stamp. All lettering is in white face Gothic.

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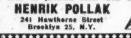
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Just like us, the Australians are tremendously interested in dry prints (poor impressions from underinked plates). Such items run around \$2.25 to \$3 each, and command a ready market. Double perf varieties, too, are in heavy demand, mint and used. A considerable number of George V such turn up in mission mixtures which are just now reaching the market are just now reaching the market and there's happy hunting indeed for those who have the time!!!

Odd, but the only U.S.A. dealer advertising in Australian stamp journals with any degree of regularity is H. E. Harris and Co. whose display ads in all of them express a keen desire to purchase used Australians by the 1000 and 10,000, and kiloware. The entire Harris wholesale stock is at the disposal of Australian dealers who have material to barter and many transactions are negotiated. actions are negotiated.

The Harris firm has long been exceedingly well known to the Australian trade, many dealers having been regular customers in the good old days when trade was free. Just to give some idea of such busi-ness — Harris's sold 25,000,000 stamps to one account in a few months in those better times. It was the largest transaction in Aus-tralian published better and death was the largest transaction in Australian philatelic history and dealers are still speaking about it in awed voices saying "Gee, what a stock they must have. How we'd like to be able to order everything all along the line from them and put an end to this damnable stamp famine we're caught in."

Meanwhile, they barter, and many a bale of commems by the 100,000 and kiloware wends its way Bostonward.

H. K. Cownden of 429 Blackfen Road, Sideup, Kent, England publishes a monthly Germania Bulletin of greatest interest to Germany collectors. He'll send you a copy in return for an International Reply Coupon which you can buy at most any post office in the world for precisely such purposes—making small remittances.

C. E. Sherwood of England stocks those fascinating Union of South Africa stamp booklets so many U.S.A. collectors are interested in. Yeppy, he's even got the scarce 1941 2 shillings six pence Drifoot

Jay Frankel, 5355 Sunlight Place, Los Angeles (16) is interested in cancellation varieties of Austrian Italy Numbers 1 through 9.

H. Lovelock of London is in an unusual business — selling seconds and throwouts (defective or heavilycancelled copies) of stamps by the hundred and thousand. Somebody's always glad to get space fillers of cheap packet builders "at a price".

The Worldwide Hobby Directory lists Commonwealth and other col lectors interested in entering into trade relations with foreign ones. The Directory has been published for some 25 years in Lakemba, Sydney, Australia.

You have, no doubt, noticed the interesting ads by the Seven Seas Stamp Company of 105-107 Macquarie St., Dubbo, New South Wales, Australia in Linn's of late. This is the Commonwealth's major mass-material stamp firm and William Hornadge, the enterprising proprietor, tells me that readers proprietor, tells me that readers have absolutely inundated them with orders. Mr. Hornadge is the packet king of Australia, supplying some 35,000 a week to stamp dealers and Woolworth's.

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mighty exciting!! Next spring, he's going to visit the U.S. at Fipex time, and many of you will doubtless meet him then.

Here in Australia everybody is getting ready for Anpex, the Australian National Exhibition, to be held at the Town Hall in Adelaide, South Australia from October 17 to 22. This great Commonwealth show is being held to mark the centenary of South Australia's first postage stamps (the 1d, 2d and 6d of 1855) and, in proper spirit, the Postmaster General has authorized the issue of a 3½d commem which will be placed on first day sale on Here in Australia everybody is the issue of a 3½d commem which will be placed on first day sale on October 17 when the exhibition opens.

There will be a special post office set up at the City Hall where the show is being staged and special colored postmarks and commemorative registration seals will be employed by the government. The ployed by the government. The South Australian Advisory Council has prepared first day covers and commemorative stickers, so the tens of thousands of envelopes which will be run through should be showy, sure enough. There will of course be plenty for all so don't get stampeded into paying fancy prices.

Australia, which has been extending its sovereignty in every direc-tion in the past generation, is about to take over the administration of the Cocos Islands, half way between Ceylon and Western Australia, and Quantas Empire Airways is making arrangements to provide full phila-telic accomodations to mark the early opening of Australian postal

The islands have variously been administered from London, Ceylon and Singapore but now that they have become an important airlink in imperial air service, it seemed best to place them on a more se-cure political footing and in 1949 the Colonial Office proposed that Aus-

colonial Office proposed that Australia take them over, which proposal was accepted with alacrity. So watch for another batch of covers!!!! Again, there'll be bales of them (Qantas will see to that), and low prices should be the order of the day.

Considerable quantities of £1
Papua and New Guinea stamps areused on gold airmail shipments to
Australia and they are freely available in singles and blocks in several
grades of condition, with superb
copies selling about 20% below
face. These would certainly go
over big in the U.S.A.

The Myer Emporium of Mel-bourne is one of Australia's biggest department stores. It has many concession sections, including a philatelic one which has one of the most varied stocks in the Commonwealth. It goes not only after local trade but is out for mail order business in a big ways ways and processing the contractions of the contract of the co business in a big way, running page and double page ads in all the stamp papers with great regularity. Unlike many, these are well laid out with all offers fully and clearly described.

Australian dealers are severely handicapped by currency restric-tions in making importations and get most of their stock by the barter route. Chief barter items after all these years are used Australian commems, and of course you can't get classics and choice British Colonials for them. The result is that I see more Iron Curtain country stamps here than in any other country I've ever visited—in fact, every dealer seems to have limitless quantities of all of them.

Fortunately they're pretty( hav-ing been made to sell to collectors) and cheap so the juveniles gobble them up, especially on Saturdays and during school holidays. It must be rather disheartening to middle and advanced collectors who find a marked paucity of items appeal-ing to them. When an estate col-lection, built up over a generation and including stuff which was avail-able in the "days when" comes into dealer hands, there's a real rush-indeed, the line forms on the right and the collection is dispersed in record time.

Very few U.S.A. stamps indeed are found for sale in Australia— almost everything along that line is sent to the States to establish bar-ter credit there. It was therefore somewhat of a surprise to find a very nice stock indeed held by E. H. Miller who has his in Adelaide. I learn from others that he holds

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Sydney is a major source of supply for used 80c U.S.A. airmails and superb copies, salvaged from bank, film, shipping and publishing company mail retail for pany incoming mail, retail for about 30c, with seconds going at half or less.

One mailing room clerk is hold-ing some 3000 of them because he

isn't satisfied with offers made.

Goulburn, New South Wales is a pleasant English-like market town of 20,000 on the main line from Canberra to Sydney. There's a very active mail order dealer in the city, N. Clark, who has a wonderful stock of New Zealand and Ausstock of New Zealand and Australian material. I acquired a choice lot of Perf "OS" and overprinted "OS" Aussie items, both mint and used, and a wonderful lot of Commonwealth "Specimen" stamps.

The Southern Stamp Exchange Club, headed by A. J. Barling, is also located in Goulburn. I've seen quite a few of the organization's circuit books and found them rich in Pacific Islands, Papuan and the like material. In fact, these books are utterly unlike those we see at home, the differences natur-ally mirroring the differing inter-ests of U.S.A. and Australian collectors.

I'll admit that, wearied of U.S.A. First Day Covers and mint plate number blocks, I get a real thrill out of seeing genuinely postally used Solomon Islands, Penhryns, Tongas, New Guineas, etc.

Australian dealers are offering two varieties of Mauritian stamp booklets, one containing Coronation and George VI stamps and the other Elizabethan stamps. Mauritius has, by the way, become closely bound to Australia since it is the second stop on the Qantas route to South Africa—2700 miles from Cocos, the first stop. I might add that this first stop. I might add that this Cocos-Mauritius hop is one of the world's longest. There's never been a drop in the deep yet!!!

It is learned that many nurse's organizations throughout the world are making arrangements to have first day covers mailed to their members in September when Aus-tralia issues the Florence Nightingale stamp.

The Australian YMCA commemorative has not yet been issued as I write this but three dealers tell me that they have firm orders for over 350,000 used copies between them.

Leslie Anderson's Stamps of the Commonwealth of Australia, sold by the compiler at 10c (Box 452, Seaside Heights, N. J.), has been well received here in Australia. When reviewers in the country involved praise a foreigner's product, he really must have something.

Noted in the Petterd Stamp Depot stock, Tasmania—a nice lot of "Muestra" ("Specimen") overprints on Costa Rican and Argentine stamps. Generally speaking, there's little interest shown in "Specimen" stamps down here in Australia, and they can be picked up at very low figures.

High value Australian Commonwealth stamps are used chiefly on airmail parcels to London, Singa-pore, Capetown, Bombay, Hong Kong, San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York and have to be repatriated from there.

There are very few pioneer airmail cards and letters to be found in Australia since most of them have long since been exported to the U.S.A. or Great Britain.

Papua has regained some of its former popularity and a good bit of old stuff is being brought out of storage. Saw a mighty interesting lot of the lithographed sheets, the upper half cancelled-to-order and the lower half mint, in each case. Everything Australian comes can-celled-to-order upon request—any postmaster will fix you up at face, in accordance with postal regulathing like this before and couldn't resist acquiring the lot.

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CANADA. It is reported from Australia the forged imperforate plate proofs of Canada have appeared on the market there. They are the 5c Capex, 3c Borden, and 4c King. The Australian A.S.D.A. states that the stamps appear to be genuine, but not the paper. The stamps seem to have been removed from the paper by a chemical pro-cess and transferred to a white

PITCAIRN ISLANDS. Stamp Collecting (London) says—It is re-ported that some of the new Queens will probably appear before the end of 1955. All values of the present series will be included, but not all one time.

MUSCAT. Many of the stamps of Muscat are quite scarce and difficult to locate. One of the scarcest is the 2R on 2/6, Scott's #24. According to the Common-wealth Catalogue only 20,518 were issued, which is small for any country which is part of the British Empire. Scott's mint price is \$1.00 while the price in both Gibbons and Commonwealth is 15 shillings. Commonwealth is 15 shillings (\$2.10). Get this stamp if you can on the basis of Scott's price as increased prices can be expected.

INDIA. A bill has been introduced INDIA. A bill has been introduced in Parliament to change the monetary system. It provides that the Rupee would be divided into 100c instead of pies and Annas. If this change is made, it will result in new stamps below the 1 Rupee for India and some of the states.

CYPRIST There is envisionable.

CYPRUS. There is considerable agitation for changing the status of Cyprus as a Crown Colony. The residents of Cyprus are demanding full independence and another Mediterranean country claims that Cyprus is part of their territory. If any change occurs it will result in new stamps and the recently is-sued series of 15 values to the pound will have had a short life.

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LUNDY. In a recent issue of a wholesale stamp magazine, a full page ad offers these labels, (called stamps) to retail dealers at face value of 30c for complete sets of 7 postage or 7 air mail. Some time ago at a wholesale auction sale in London, complete sets were sold for about 7c, a low proportion of the face(?) value. Sorry for the retail dealers who buy these sets at 30c. This island is privately owned and the population has been variously reported as 6, 8 or 10, all employed by the owner who died last December.

Interval at privation stamps; chart their rise for certain stamps; chart their rise and fall, or to graphically show trends. The auction catalog is a far better guide to market value than the standard catalog, for such a purpose.

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A LOOK (continued from page 6)

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of the market confirms us in the belief that our prophecy made five years ago, "that we would live to see stamps sell at auction for one thousand dollars each", will be realized before many years."

Can any of our readers inform us of when such a price for a stamp was first realized, and what was the stamp?

And another observation of Scott's (A.J.P. XII Dec. 1878, p.142). "Auction sales are constantly increasing in public favor, and it begins to look as if the large dealers will soon find there occupation gone like poor Othelo, but it is to be hoped that they will not follow his melancholy example, at least till

hoped that they will not follow his melancholy example, at least till all the little boys who can't attend auctions have been supplied with their penny stamps." Perhaps if Mr. Scott were alive today, he would say we had too many auctions and far too much duplication of material and efforts.

There is a special value to auction catalogs, particularly for those statistically inclined philatelists. There are those who like to tabulate prices realized over the years for certain stamps; chart their rise and fall, or to graphically show trends. The auction catalog is a far better guide to market value

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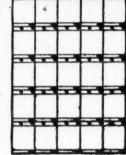
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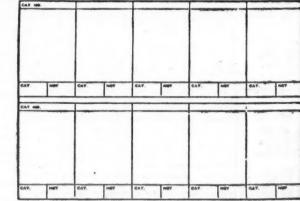
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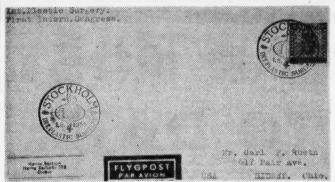
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# POSTAGE STAMP

### Clintonville, Wisconsin Celebration Postponed

The four day celebration to commemorate the centennial of Clintonville, Wisconsin scheduled for August 19-21 has been postponed due to outbreak of polio in this

The American Metered Postage Society was to have furnished metered covers at 10c each. Those having ordered same please be pa-tient as the entire program has been delayed and will not run until

been delayed and will not run until sometime in latter part of September or early October.

Anyone wishing to obtain a cover may send 10c per cover to the Society at Clintonville, Wisconsin. The price includes envelope, filler, addressing meter postage, etc. There will also be a hand stamp on the cover denoting the information why the original date was postponed.

### Paraguay Rotary Information Received

Information just received from Gerardo Thoolen in Buenos Aires, Argentine, states that during 1955 a Rotary Set will be issued in values of 50c, 1G, 2G, in regular postage and also airmails 1G, 2G, 10G.

2G. 10G.

Also there is a large issue "Heroes of the Chaco" of 15 postage and 10 airmail stamps in the making from Paraguay.

Mr. Thoolen further reports that the 20c San Martin of Argentine appeared overprinted for official purpose. As is known, these "Servicio Official" can only be obtained in used condition.

### Rutland County State Fair Cachet

The Rutland County Stamp Club of Rutland, Vermont will again issue a very nice cacheted cover at their exhibition to be held in conjunction with the Rutland State Fair. The affair is slated for Sept. 5 to 10, 1955.

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ICELAND—Sports is the topic of two new stamps issued on August 9. Icelandic wrestling is shown on the 75aur brown and a diver on the 1.25Kr. blue.

JUGOSLAVIA—In commemoration of the first International Exposition of Engravers held in Ljubljana a 15d stamp was issued on August 16. The stamp in the Famous Filipinos set was issued on August 16. The stamp in the Famous Filipinos set was issued on August 16. The stamp in the Famous Filipinos set was issued on August 16. The stamp in the Famous Filipinos set was issued on August 16. The stamp in the Famous Filipinos set was issued on August 16. The stamp in the Famous Filipinos set was issued on August 16. The stamp in the Famous Filipinos set was issued on August 16. The stamp in the Famous Filipinos set was issued on August 16. The stamp in the Famous Filipinos set was issued on August 16. The stamp in the Famous Filipinos set was issued on August 16. The stamp in the Famous Filipinos set was issued on August 16. The stamp in the Famous Filipinos set was issued on August 16. The stamp in the Famous Filipinos set was issued on August 16. The stamp in the Famous Filipinos set was issued on August 16. The stamp in the Famous Filipinos set was issued on August 16. The stamp in the Famous Filipinos set was issued on August 16. The stamp is a 20c value and is carmine in CBL and CBL-FM at 12:30 noon EST.

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VALLEY FORGE

Valley Forge, a small village on the Schuylkill River, twenty miles northwest of Philadelphia, has become famous because of the extreme suffering and undaunted courage of George Washington and his 11,000 men who were encamped there in 1777-78. In a bitter cold winter the men slept on the ground without blankets and walked without shoes until their footsteps could be traced in blood upon the snow.

out shoes until their footsteps could be traced in blood upon the snow. A surgeon at Valley Forge wrote of the common soldier: "barefoot he labors thru the mud and cold with a song in his mouth, extolling war and Washington."

And George Washington himself said of them: "Naked and starving as they are we cannot enough ad-

said of them: "Naked and starving as they are, we cannot enough admire the incomparable patience and fidelity of the soldiery." Had the army collapsed at Valley Forge chances are the struggling states would not have won the war for independence. But the men suffered tenaciously on and won a freedom that will forever stand as a monument to the progress of free men everywhere.

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The stamp issued in 1928 to com-memorate this great historical event pictures George Washington kneeling in prayer. Historians dis-agree as to the truth of this act and the evidence that he did or did not is weak. Nevertheless the fact that the General is portrayed in a at the General is portraved

that the General is portrayed in a praying position is unusual.

This issue has a unique distinction for it is the only U. S. stamp on which a kneeling, praying figure is pictured. Also, unique is the inscription, "In God We Trust". This is the first and only time that these words appear in this exact order on a U. S. stamp.

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The convention and exhibition will be held in Joplin, Mo., October 7, 8 and 9 at the Connor

Hotel.

The plan covered specific points of cooperation, ranging from a special publicity program, a city-wide drive to support the first day sale of the \$1 Patrick Henry stamp, a testimonial luncheon to honor the Post Office officials who will be in Joplin for the first day ceremonies to the Chamber of Commerce offering to furnish the grand awards. In addition the Joplin Chamber of Commerce will underwrite the registration expenses to the extent of supplying the official badges and providing trained personnel to take the registrations.

### Smithsonian Institute Fiscal Report

Fiscal Report

Dr. Remington Kellogg, Director, U. S. National Museum, reports that the Smithsonian Institution, Division of Philately received during the fiscal year, 76,794 specimens to the National Postage Stamp Collection, or 22,706 fewer than in the past fiscal year, Approximately 140,00 additional specimens were received by the Division of Philately during the fiscal year ending June 30. 1955, but were not added pending classification. These specimens will be added to the collections during the new fiscal year, and will be a part of the next annual report.

The approximate number of specimens in the custody of the division is now 753,000.

It is believed proper to mention here the establishment during the fiscal year of a special philatelic fund through the generosity of Malcolm MacGregor of Bronxville, N. Y. This fund was added to by Sidney Shure of Chicago.

No specimens or exhibits were accepted on loan during the past fiscal year. Exhibits were sent out to the American Stamp Dealers Association exhibition in New York; to the Garfield -Perry Stamp Club exhibition in Cleveland, and to the Midwestern A.S.D.A. in Chicago. Other portions were displayed as the basis for talks by the associate curator in New York, Boston, Wilmington, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Toledo and Washington, D. C.

The National collection and the operation of the Division of Philately were the basis for broadcasted talks over the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. network, and the Voice of America during the fiscal year.

The library attached to the Division of Philately has continued

the Voice of America during the fiscal year.

The library attached to the Division of Philately has continued to grow during the past year, and has again proven of great reference value to the curator, to other government agencies and the Pan American Union, and to collectors. The stacks of current philatelic literature, specialized bulletins and pertinent clippings have been maintained, and a number of new reference volumes added — all at practically no cost to the Smithsonian Institution.

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No action has been taken in regards to the important library of the Washington Philatelic Society, which that group voted to offer at some future date. It is probable some action in the transferring of this wealth of material will occur during the new fiscal year.

A complete set of large die proofs of the United States Hunting Permit stamps, familiarly known as "duck" stamps, has been transferred to the Smithsonian Institution by John L. Farley, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Department of Interior. These beautiful die proofs, along with a sheet of the 1955-56 regular issue have been added to the complete collection of sheets transferred several months ago. According to Dr. Kellogg, Director, they will be exhibited as a phase of the National Postage Stamp Collection,

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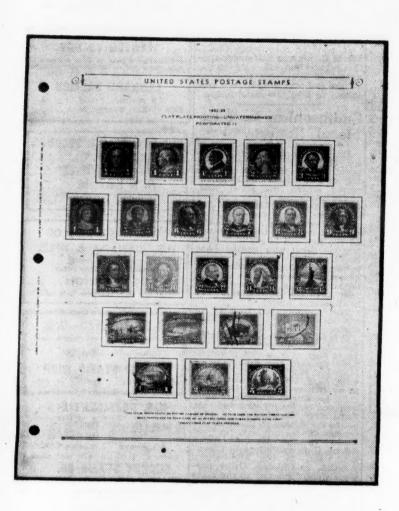
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Solomon Handel is the new president of the Society of Israel Philatelists. He and other officers were recently elected at the annual meeting of the group. The vice presidents are Clifford J. Leinwand and Harry Unger. Treasurer is Bernard T. Aronstein; secretary Louis S. Schulman, 61-05 Cloverdale Blvd., Bayside 64, N. Y.

All collectors are welcome to the meetings which are held on the fourth Wednesdays at the Hotel Claridge, 44th St. and Broadway in New York City.

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A sample copy of the club's "Israel Palestine Philatelist" can be gotten with a request to the secretary.

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national philatelic organization is to overcome the obstacle of having members in widely scattered areas, with little or no opportunity to work together on their mutual interests. The Philatelic Library Association has found that it has nearly one hundred members in the New York City area, and a proposal for a branch of the organization has proved initially successful.

The first meeting was held at the Collectors Club, on May 20, 1955. The groundwork was done by Martin J. Warmbrand, and some twenty members were in attendance. This group will be known as P.L.A. Branch No. 1, as a philatelic literature study club with regular monthly meetings to be held at the collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New

Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York, starting next fall.

A tentative list of programs has been prepared by George T. Turner, president of the Philatehic Library Association, and John Boynton Kaiser, director of Newark Public Library. Topics include: problems of the philatehic publisher and editor, how to use philatehic libraries, some classics in philatehic literature, building a private reference library (how and Private reference library (how and where to buy), cataloguing ph to buy), arrangement and oguing, philatelic books we of a bibliography, and subject classification. Anyone interested in joining the branch should con-lact Martin J. Warmbrand, acting d subject interested secretary, 2720 Avenue J, Brooklyn 10, N. Y.

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Over the years there have been a number of attempts to maintain organizations devoted to philatelic literature. Most existed during the second decade of the 20th century, when interest in stampic libraries was at a then high point. None lasted for any length of time except for the Philatelic Literature Society of London, which disbanded in 1918 for lack of interest. Throughout its existence its membership out its existence its membership was quite limited, with less than a dozen members in the United

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several by auction, has brought on the market a great deal of material needed by serious students. This has been attested by the substantial prices that have been realized, particularly for special-ized handbooks. The Philatelic Library Association has played an Library Association has played an important part in promoting the use of reference publications, and the Philatelic Literature Review has been aptly called a "guide to intelligent stamp collecting." Its success to date, and the interest shown, indicates substantial progresses will be reade in the first progresses will be reade in the first progresses will be reade in the first progresses. snown, indicates substantial pro-gress will be made in the future. Collectors everywhere are invited, and urged, to share in this worth-while project for the advancement of the hobby.

### EARLY LITERATURE (continued from page 1)

to cover the walls of her dressing room. Of course, in those days no-body could have dreamed that used body could have dreamed that used stamps would be worth money. There is no record whether the young lady succeeded in her aim, but it may well be that she did, because not long afterwards "Punch" came out with some satirical verses, written by Colonel Sibthorpe, lampooning the fair maidens of England for having succumbed to the new mania of collection "every spit-upon post-office stamp."

Not for many years later, in fact not until 1860, was there a pub-lished reference to the colecting of Ished reference to the coleicting of stamps as we know it today. In that year Notes and Queries published reference to the collecting of at Tonbridge, and as this was the original mention of stamp collecting it is worth reproducing here:—

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"S. F. CRESSWELL."

This appeal seems to have met with no result, which is rather strange because there were undoubtedly other collectors in Eng-land and elsewhere at that time, and plans had almost been laid for the presentation of the forerunner of the stamp catalogue. Oscar Berger-Levrault, the bookseller of Strassburg, a keen early collector, decided to circulate lists of stamps

decided to circulate lists of stamps among his correspondents and friends with whom he was exchanging specimens; so in September 1861 his lists, produced by autolithography went out.

Seeing in them an excellent idea, Alfred Potiquet, a French civil servant, compiled the world's first catalogue of postage stamps, and it was published in Paris in December of the same year.

cember of the same year.
Then, in September 1862, came what has sometimes been deswhat has sometimes been described, although without real justification, as the world's first philatelic periodical. Its name was The Monthly Intelligencer, and it was published at Birmingham, England. In the opening words on its first page it was said to be "intended page it was said to be "intended to supply a want long felt by the members of young men's societies, naturalists, antiquarians, postage stamp collectors, etc." Alas for the last named—their needs were but

War II has probably set a new all time record. The sale of a number of important philatelic libraries, several by auction, has brought on the market a great deal of material needed by serious students.

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cer was not entirely to blame for this inaccuracy, for the paragraph had ben copied from the Leisure

Apart from that paragraph The Monthly Intelligencer contained little of philatelic interest throughout its ten numbers little, that is, be-sides advertisements, of which there were many. In its fifth num-ber, dated February 1863, the jour-nal published a note about the colnal published a note about the col-lection of postmarks as distinct from stamps and stated that "a collection of these (is) as interest-ing, though not so valuable, as a collection of postage stamps." Files of The Monthly Intelligen-cer are very rare nowadays, but the library at the British Museum in London does contain a complete set.

The real progentior of the world's philatelic press made its world's philatelic press made its appearance at Liverpool on December 15, 1862 under the title, The Monthly Advertiser. In appearance, format and general style it was a blatant copy of The Monthly Intelligencer, but as far as stamp collectors were concerned it did have the great merit of catering for their requirements. The publishers were Edward Moore & Co., a firm which later acquired a very doubtful reputation as the purveyors of counterfeits.

In its first number this new publication ran an article by Frederick W. Booty, who had recently brought out Britain's first stamp catalogue, and there was a review also of Dr. Gray's catalogue, and that gentleman himself contributed an article to the second number, as did Thornate Levent the interest at the second number, as did Thornate Levent the interest at the second number, as did Thornate Levent the interest at the second number, as did Thornate Levent the interest at the second number, as did Thornate Levent the interest at the second number, as did Thornate Levent the interest at the second number, as did Thornate Levent the interest at the second number, as did there was a constant and the second number, as did thornate the second number, as did the second number as descended in the second number as descended in

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ton Lewes, the pioneer detector of counterfeits, who very soon was to collaborate with Edward Loines Pemberton in producing Forged Stamps—How to detect them. In its second number, too, the magazine changed its title to The Stamp Collectors' Monthly Advertiser, and in the very next issue it became The Stamp-Collectors' Review and Monthly Advertiser.

Altogether this publication ran to

Altogether this publication ran to 19 numbers; it would have run to more but for what E. L. Pemberton more but for what E. L. Pemberton later described as the foolishness of the publishers. Pemberton had taken over its editorship with the beginning of the second volume (No. 14), and had the manuscript ready for the twentieth number, which was still-born.

There is a publishers' title page and index to the first volume but not the second, and it was left to William R. Ricketts to compile a complete index to the two volumes, which was presented as a supple-

which was presented as a supple-ment to the Collectors Club Phil-atelist in April 1927. Complete files of the Review are by no means easy to find, but the writers know of at least three in England and there are no doubt others in the U. S. A.

One is in the library of the Royal

One is in the library of the Moyal Philatelic Society, London, another in the British Museum and the third in the writers' own library. Before this forerunner ceased publication its place as the leading stamp journal of its day was taken by the much more ambitious by the much more ambitious Stamp-Collector's Magazine, which made its debut on February 1, 1863. This was the product of the stamp dealing firm of Stafford Smith & Smith, of Bath, and ran to 12 volumes before being transformed into Alfred Smith & Co's. Monthly

Circular.

The Stamp-Collector's Magazine published as its first editorial article the classic description of the Classic descrip Birchin Lane stamp exchange, be-ginning: "Have you a yellow Saxon? I want a Russian . . . etc. etc." The magazine contained a saxon? I want a Russian . . . etc. etc." The magazine contained a remarkable amount of erudition on matters philatelic considering its early date, and although it is large-Poorly met.

It is true, the first number did contain a paragraph entitled, "The philatelic sense is to be found in its

pages.

The first number proved so population and provided and provide lar that a reprint was needed, and bibliophiles like to distinguish be-tween the original edition and the reprint. The easiest point of rec-

ognition occurs on page 16, column 2, where in the advertisement for "The Postage-Stamp Collector's Pocket Album" the heading (in italics) on the original reads "Just Pubished", but on the reprint the omitted letter "!" is inserted.

As an inducement to collectors to

As an inducement to collectors to buy the magazine, the S. C. M. presented a free stamp with each number beginning with No. 4 (May 1, 1863), although apparently some copies of the previous two numbers also contained stamps. copies of the previous two numbers also contained stamps. Needless to say, sets containing the complete range of free stamps are of extreme rarity nowadays. A fascinating article on these free stamps, written by Sir John Wilson, Bart., will be found in the London Philatelist, Vol. XLIII, page 230.

Between 1863 and about 1870 there appeared in Great Britain what obilatelic literature collectors refer

philatelic literature collectors refer to as "The Ephemera." This con-sisted of large numbers of very sisted of large numbers of very short-lived periodicals, in some cases only single issues being published. From a philatelic point of view these publications are almost valueless, but from a bibliophile's, angle they are fascinating and not a little tantalizing because of the great difficulty in finding examples. Most of them are represented in the Crawford Library in the British Museum, but few can be found

the Crawford Library in the British Museum, but few can be found outside it.

Their titles are picturesque and flamboyant and include names such as International P o s t a g e Stamp Review, London and New York Stamp Collectors' Review, British and Foreign Stamp and Coin Advertiser, and International Stamp Recorder and Curiosity Magazine. If any bibliophile wishes to set himself an almost impossible task he will attempt to gather totask he will attempt to gather to-gether a complete set of "The Ephemera."

In December 1866 appeared the first number of The Philatelist. Like the Stamp-Collector's Magazine this was a great bulwark of the early collectors, and its ten volumes contain a vast amount of early philatelic learning. Its pub-lishers were Stafford Smith & Co., of Brighton, the firm run by Henry Stafford Smith after he ceased partnership with his brother, Al-fred, of Bath.

This magazine, too, presented free stamps, and like its rival is of extreme rarity when complete with those insets. Even in bound form, and without the free stamps, The Philatelist is rather more diffi-cult to find than its Bath contemporary, and the ninth volume is often missing from the sets which are to be seen in these days.

periodicals. What of the cataperiodicals. What of the catalogues? Brief mention has already been made of Booty and Dr. Gray, but there were other as well. Booty was an artist, and his skill in that direction is evident from one of his stamp works. In April 1862 he produced Aids to Stamp Collectors: being a list of English and foreign postage stamps in circulation since 1840.

This was Britain's, and the English speaking world's first stamp catalogue. It was a great success and ran to three editions. Later the same year Booty brought out The Stamp Collector's Guide, the world's first illustrated stamp catalogue. The book was produced by lithography and the illustrations were reproductions of drawings of stamps which Booty had himself stamps which Booty had himself

It is a curious and fascinating work, and specimens of it are virtually unobtainable. There is one in the British Museum, but even some of the leading philatelic libraries have this book on their reset list. want list.

Almost immediately after Booty came Mount Brown, whose first edition, the Catalogue of British, colonial and foreign postage stamps, appeared in May 1862. Mount Brown's work is much better known than Booty's and ran to five editions, the first of which is "difficult", but less so than the Guide.

Guide.

Mount Brown's catalogue was the subject of the first breach of copyright in a philatelic work. In 1863 W. H. Wright, a collector of Gloucester (but no relation to the young lady in the limerick!!) published a catalogue which was a blatant copy of Mount Brown's, third edition. Brown took a dim view of this plagiarism, and his subsequent plagiarism, and his subsequent legal action against Wright led to the confiscation of the whole edi-tion that remained on hand; con-

tion that remained on hand; consequently, examples are among the rarest of all philatelic literary items, for Mount Brown destroyed nearly all of them.

Another plagiarism of Mount Brown's catalogue was made by A. C. Kline, of Philadelphia, but no action was possible in that case.

Dr. Gray's catalogue, which appeared in December 1862, was more successful than any other which went before, and ran to six editions between then and 1875. Long before that time Dr. Gray himself tions between then and 1875. Long before that time Dr. Gray himself had ceased to have any interest in

had ceased to have any interest in the work, which was revised and corrected by Overy Taylor. The only other catalogue of that early era which is worthy of men-tion is Bellar's and Davie's, which appeared in 1864 and ran to three The Philatelist is rather more difficult to find than its Bath contemborary, and the ninth volume is often missing from the sets which are to be seen in these days.

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It was on July 19, 1948 when the It was on July 19, 1948 when the commemorative issue, Progress of Women, was released. 115,000,000 stamps were ordered printed of this issue. This stamp was still among the earlier group of commemoratives that were assigned for release that year, of which the size of the printing was still normal as compared with most. It was not until five stamps later, that the printing of new commems was cut printing of new commems was cut almost in half, in most cases

It was a harrowing experience for dealers with the Progress of Women. For the number of stamps printed, of all four plate numbers, there was more than enough to go around to everyone collecting plate blocks, as well as matched sets in all numbers and positions. With a stamp like this, most dealers, specializing and providing collectors cializing and providing collectors with matched sets in all positions, have no unusual trouble.

The plate numbers used for this stamp were #23841, #23842, #23843 and #23844. As mentioned in previous articles in this column, one sure place to obtain all numbers and all positions, in selected cen-tering, is the Philatelic Agency, in Washington, D. C. Of course it is commonly known that in order to obtain plate blocks you are obliged to buy full sheets.

In the past there were some commemoratives which had four or six plate numbers to the entire issue of which not all were available immediately after the stamp was released. On the Progress of Women the first two plate numbers, #23841 and #23842, went to press July 7, 1948. There were 170,000 impressions. The other two plate numbers, #23843 and #23844, went to press July 13 and had 145,600 impressions. pressions.
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In other words all four plate numbers were printed even before the stamps came out. Then orders to the Philatelic Agency for all four numbers were not filled in full. That is, the first two numbers, #23841 and #23842 were in stock, #23843 and #23844 were yet to be seen. One week, two weeks, three weeks, and then a full month went by and still no sign of the last two plate numbers. plate numbers.

Collectors and dealers became a little anxious but contained themselves patiently and were willing to wait a little longer. As each new week rolled by patience began to wear thin and there appeared to be greater concern over the last two numbers. Why haven't they shown up; what could be the mat-

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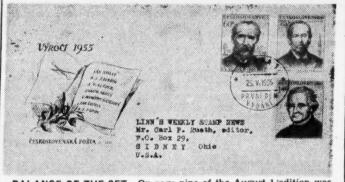
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BALANCE OF THE SET. On page nine of the August 1 edition was shown a first day cover from Czechoslovakia bearing four of the seven stamps that nation issued picturing prominent citizens. The first day of issue was July 25. Just received is another FDC with the three remaining values having a first day cancel of May 25. These are a dark gray 60 halerus picturing Josef Vaclav Sladek; 75h violet, Alexander Stepanovic Popov; 1.40Kcs. gray on cream pager Jan Holly. paper. Jan Holly.

no sign of them. Everyone who was looking for these began to appear worried as to their whereabouts and really wonder whether these two plate numbers were printed at all and if so, were they few or plentiful. Going into the third month, and not until after the tenth week, dd they first appear. This is most unusual.

Were it not for the fact that

Were it not for the fact that plate number collectors can be calm this could have been a situa-

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no sign of them. Everyone who tion where unwarranted hysteria was looking for these began to apmight have broken out.

Usually all plate numbers should be, and are, available immediately after the first day of issue. When they don't show up there are im-mediate grounds for suspicion that perhaps there was a small printing on certain plates which makes the entire set more difficult to com-plete, and the specific numbers at a higher premium.

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is really a long time to wait before being able to complete a set of four numbers, 16 positions. Usually col-lectors are able to finish a set like this within a month, or a month and a half. The danger arises when the feeling of scarcity gets into the air and certain speculators will start circulating rumors of such, notwithstanding the facts to the contrary. They take advantage of the period when the two num-bers fail to show up. by asking some collectors and dealers exorbitantly high prices. Many fall victim to the ruse and

Many fall victim to the ruse and fearing that perhaps this is a real scarce item, although unsupported by facts, will be taken in by paying the high price asked when they first begin to show up. There are a few who will lend support to this type of hysteria. They come out with self-styled expert evaluation lists, giving high premium ratings to such numbers they cannot find common, although the impressions made are very great.

Until there is sufficient official data which would indicate certain plate blocks and plate numbers to be uncommon or scarce, collectors

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